



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by **insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register**:

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following

transmissions:

OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

Attention: CMS Desk Officer

Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR

E-mail: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web Site address at
<http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. E-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an

existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection (Request for a new control number); Title of Information Collection: Outpatient and Ambulatory Surgery Experience of Care Survey; Use: We will use the information collected through the field test to inform the development of a larger national survey effort, including development of the final survey instrument and data collection procedures. Looking toward the survey development specifically, the data collected in this survey effort will be used to conduct a rigorous psychometric analysis of the survey content. The goal of such an analysis is to assess the measurement properties of the proposed instrument and sub-domain composites created from item subsets, to assure the information reported from any future administrations of the survey is well-defined. Such careful definition will prevent data distortion or misinformation if they are publicly reported. Data collection procedures will also be fine-tuned during this field test. The 30-day PRA package has been revised since the publication of the 60-day Federal Register notice on October 4, 2013 (78 FR 61848). (Form Number: CMS-10500 (OCN: 0938-New); Frequency: Once; Affected Public: Individuals and households; Number of Respondents: 2,304; Total Annual Responses: 2,304; Total Annual Hours: 384. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Caren Ginsberg at 410-786-0713).

2. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection (request for a new OMB control number); Title of Information Collection: Payment Collections Operations Contingency Plan; Use: Under sections 1401, 1411, and 1412 of the Affordable Care Act and 45 CFR part 155

subpart D, an Exchange makes an advance determination of tax credit eligibility for individuals who enroll in QHP coverage through the Exchange and seek financial assistance. Using information available at the time of enrollment, the Exchange determines whether the individual meets the income and other requirements for advance payments and the amount of the advance payments that can be used to pay premiums. Advance payments are made periodically under section 1412 of the Affordable Care Act to the issuer of the QHP in which the individual enrolls. Section 1402 of the Affordable Care Act provides for the reduction of cost sharing for certain individuals enrolled in a QHP through an Exchange, and section 1412 of the Affordable Care Act provides for the advance payment of these reductions to issuers. The statute directs issuers to reduce cost sharing for essential health benefits for individuals with household incomes between 100 and 400 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) who are enrolled in a silver level QHP through an individual market Exchange and are eligible for advance payments of the premium tax credit. The data collection will be used by HHS to make payments or collect charges from issuers under the following programs: advance payments of the premium tax credit, advanced cost-sharing reductions, and Marketplace user fees. The template will be used to make payments in January 2014 and for a number of months thereafter, as may be required based on HHS's operational progress. Form Number: CMS-10515 (OCN 0938-NEW). Frequency: Monthly. Affected Public: Private sector - Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 575. Total Annual Responses: 7,475. Total Annual Hours: 51,175. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Jaya Ghildiyal at 301-492-5149.)

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